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VERBAL DIRECTIVE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL GENERAL STAFF

ISSUED: 2nd DECEMBER 1941

BY: CHIEF OF NAVAL GENERAL STAFF OSAMI NAGANO

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VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE  
COMBINED FLEET YAMAMOTO (WHO WAS AT THE TIME IN TOKYO)

If certainty of United States - Japanese negotiations being  
brought to a satisfactory conclusion is assured before resort  
has been taken to action, you are to direct by a special order  
all units of the Combined Fleet to concentrate and to turn back.  
You are to keep the above in mind.

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I, Kazuo DOI, who occupy the post of Chief of the Historical Records Squad Research Division, Second Demobilization Bureau, hereby certify that the document hereto attached, written in Japanese, consisting of one <sup>I</sup> page and entitled "Verbal Directive to the Chief of Naval General Staff" is an exact and authorized excerpt from the official document in which the answer submitted through the Nakamura Bureau to the questions put to the former Japanese Navy by GHQ SCAP through Colonel Munson of SCAP is contained and is in the custody of the Japanese Government (Second Demobilization Bureau).

certified at Tokyo,  
on this 27th day of June, 1947

Kazuo DOI

(seal)

I hereby certify that the above signature and seal were affixed hereto in the presence of the witness.

at the same place,  
on this same date

Witness:

Hachiro OKUYAMA

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軍令部總長口頭指示

昭和十六年十二月二日

軍令部總長 永野 修身

軍令部總長

山本連合艦隊司令長官（當時上京中）ニ  
口頭指示

武力發動前日米間ノ交渉妥結確實トナラバ特令シテ連合艦隊各部隊ヲ  
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（當時上  
京中）  
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自分、土肥一夫ハ復員廳第二復員局資料整理部史實班長ノ職ニ居ル者ナル  
處、茲ニ添附セラレタル日本語ニ依ツテ書カレタル一頁ヨリ成ル軍令部總  
長口頭指示ト題スル書類ハ昭和二十年十一月連合軍最高司令部「マンソン」  
大佐ヲ通ジ連合國最高司令部ヨリ元日本海軍宛ニ發セラレタ質問ニ對シ中  
村機關ヲ經テ回答セル文書ニ拔萃ノ正確ニシテ眞實ナル寫ナルコトヲ證明  
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昭和二十二年六月二十七日 於東京

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同日 於 同 所

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奥 山 八 郎